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REUTER NOTES IZVESTIYA ARTICLE ON DETENTE

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(TEXT) MOSCOW, OCT. 21, REUTER--THE SOVIET UNION, PREPARING FOR THIS WEEK'S VISIT BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, INDICATED TONIGHT IT WAS HAPPY WITH A MORE MEASURED ADVANCE IN THE PROGRESS OF DETENTE WITH THE U.S.

THE INDICATION CAME IN A MAJOR POLICY ARTICLE IN THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA BY VIKTOR KELIN, A SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, TWO DAYS BEFORE DR. KISSINGER IS DUE TO FLY IN FOR TALKS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF LEONID BREZHNEV.

MR. KELIN DESCRIBED AS "A JUSTIFIED IDEA" SUGGESTIONS THAT IT WAS "BETTER TO HAVE STAGE-BY-STAGE DETENTE THAN A FREEZE-OVER AND A RETURN TO A STATE OF TENSION WHICH COULD BE MORE DANGEROUS AS THE WORLD BUILD-UP OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS GROWS."

AND HE QUOTED DR. KISSINGER HIMSELF AS SAYING, "DETENTE IS A CONTINUING PROCESS AND NOT A FINAL STATE WHICH CAN OR CANNOT BE ATTAINED AT ANY PRECISE MOMENT."

ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET OFFICIAL DID NOT SPELL THIS OUT, DR. KISSINGER'S REMARK WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO CRITICS OF DETENTE IN THE U.S. WHO HAVE ARGUED THAT IT HAS PRODUCED LITTLE IN THE WAY OF CONCRETE RESULTS AND APPEARED TO BE FALTERING.

MR. KELIN'S REFERENCE TO THE GROWTH OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILES WAS SEEN AS A HINT AT WHAT SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS HERE SAY WILL BE THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE BREZHNEV-KISSINGER TALKS--THE SEARCH FOR A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT.

THIS WAS TOP OF THE AGENDA FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN MARCH. ON THAT TRIP HE SAID HE HOPED FOR A "CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH" ON THE ISSUE, BUT THIS FAILED TO MATERIALIZE BOTH THEN AND WHEN FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON CAME HERE IN JULY.

AT ISSUE IS THE NUMBER OF MULTIPLE, INDEPENDENTLY TARGETTED RE-ENTRY VEHICLES, OR MIRV'S--ROCKETS WITH SEVERAL WAR HEADS THAT CAN STRIKE AT DIFFERENT TARGETS--EACH SIDE SHOULD HAVE UNDER ANY NEW AGREEMENT TO ACHIEVE EFFECTUAL PARITY.

BUT SO FAR THE BASIC CONCEPT OF WHAT PARITY IS HAS NOT BEEN AGREED UPON, WHILE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROCKET WEAPONRY HAS PROCEEDED RAPIDLY, ADDING FURTHER COMPLICATIONS TO ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

ON THE GENERAL ISSUE OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS HERE BELIEVE THE KREMLIN IS KEEPING AN OPEN MIND ON PRESIDENT FORD, DESPITE SOME INDIRECT CRITICISM OF HIM IN THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS MEDIA IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

THE ATMOSPHERE SEEKS TO HAVE BEEN IMPROVED FURTHER BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE WEEKEND OF AN AGREEMENT AIMED AT EASING JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN RETURN FOR A LOWERING OF U. S. TRADE BARRIERS TO RUSSIAN GOODS.

THIS HAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA ONE TOPIC THAT COULD HAVE TAKEN UP TIME THAT DR. KISSINGER IS UNDERSTOOD TO WANT TO DEVOTE TO ARMS LIMITATION AND THE MIDDLE EAST, ALTHOUGH THE U. S. OFFICIALS SAID HE WAS BASICALLY "READY TO COVER THE WATERFRONT."

ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE RUSSIANS HAVE JUST SCORED WHAT IS SEEN HERE AS A TACTICAL VICTORY IN REVIVING THEIR FLAGGING FRIENDSHIP WITH EGYPT AND PERSUADING CAIRO TO COME OUT HARD FOR A QUICK RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

THIS WAS ATTAINED DURING A VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST WEEK BY EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMI, AND FOLLOWED STRONG EFFORTS BY DR. KISSINGER TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT TO AGREE TO MORE GRADUAL STAGES TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS EXPECTED TO BRIEF MR. BREZHNEV ON HIS RECENT TALKS IN TEL AVIV WITH ISRAELI LEADERS AND EXPRESS HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE SOVIET UNION'S DECISION TO GIVE FIRM PUBLIC SUPPORT AT THIS STAGE TO THE CAUSE OF A NATIONAL HOME FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

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(EXCERPT) MOSCOW OCTOBER 21 TASS--THE SOVIET HISTORIAN V. KELIN TELLS ABOUT THE NOTION OF DETENTE WHICH HAS BECOME FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN THE PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE. IN HIS WORDS, NOW "MANY ACTS OF STATES ON THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA ARE ASSESSED BY WHETHER THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROCESS OF DETENTE OR OBSTRUCT IT." (FOREGOING IS TEXT OF PRESS REVIEW DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTICLE--FBIS)

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